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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 12, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Bobby Rodriguez was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Dana M. Sabraw to serve 63 months in prison for Rodriguez' conviction for possession of 11 kilograms of cocaine with intent to distribute. Judge Sabraw also ordered that Rodriguez serve a five-year term of supervised release following his release from prison. According to court documents, Rodriguez was arrested on October 21, 2004, after U.S. Border Patrol agents at the San Clemente checkpoint found the 11 kilograms of cocaine inside Rodriguez's car. Five packages of cocaine were concealed inside a speaker in Rodriguez's trunk.

At the time of his arrest, Rodriguez was on federal supervised release following a 2003 conviction for importing marijuana. Rodriguez is scheduled to appear on May 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., before United States Magistrate Judge Barbara L. Major for further proceedings on an order to show cause why his supervised release in that case should not be revoked as a result of his new conviction.

DEFENDANT

Bobby Rodriguez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841

Maximum penalty is life in prison and a \$4 million fine

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

U.S. Border Patrol

Drug Enforcement Administration